

Agency 343

Higher Education Coordinating Board**Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2009-11 Expenditure Authority	95.4	322,513	230,646	553,159
Total Maintenance Level	98.4	294,162	302,774	596,936
Difference	3.0	(28,351)	72,128	43,777
Percent Change from Current Biennium	3.1%	(8.8)%	31.3%	7.9%
Performance Changes				
Maintain State Need Grant		91,576		91,576
Suspend Passport to College Awards			(1,772)	(1,772)
Suspend Health Professionals Program		(7,640)		(7,640)
Eliminate Rural Health Program		(400)		(400)
Reduce State Work Study Program		(20,848)	(500)	(21,348)
Suspend Small Grant Programs		(1,932)		(1,932)
Suspend Future Teachers Program		(1,500)	(500)	(2,000)
Suspend WAVE and Washington Scholars		(3,989)		(3,989)
Baccalaureate Incentive Pool		5,000		5,000
Health Science and Services Program	(.1)	(66)		(66)
Shift Education Legacy Costs to General Fund-State		110,396	(110,396)	
Suspend Plan 1 Uniform COLA #		(120)	(102)	(222)
Subtotal	(0.1)	170,477	(113,270)	57,207
Total Proposed Budget	98.3	464,639	189,504	654,143
Difference	2.9	142,126	(41,142)	100,984
Percent Change from Current Biennium	3.0%	44.1%	(17.8)%	18.3%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Coordination and Policy for Higher Education	24.3	10,812	4,203	15,015
Administrative Activity	3.0	645	470	1,115
Interstate Exchange Programs for Higher Education	.2	401		401
Prepaid Tuition and Savings Plans	31.9	32	9,810	9,842
Student Financial Aid Programs	39.0	452,749	175,021	627,770
Total Proposed Budget	98.3	464,639	189,504	654,143

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS**Maintain State Need Grant**

Funding will hold eligible students harmless from tuition increases assumed in the Governor's budget proposal.

HIGHER EDUCATION

Suspend Passport to College Awards

Due to declining state revenues, the Higher Education Coordinating Board will make no new awards in the 2011-13 biennium for the Passport to College program which serves former foster youth. Those students who previously received awards will still receive them. (Education Legacy Trust Account-State)

Suspend Health Professionals Program

Due to declining state revenues, the Higher Education Coordinating Board cannot make new awards in the Health Professionals conditional scholarship program, which provides scholarships or loan forgiveness for health professionals who agree to work in rural and underserved areas of the state. Those students who received awards previously will still receive them.

Eliminate Rural Health Program

Due to declining state revenues, the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) will suspend payments to the Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences. These payments were intended to provide training and education of health care professionals to promote osteopathic physician services in rural and underserved areas of the state.

Reduce State Work Study Program

Due to declining state revenues, the State Work Study program is reduced for the 2011-13 biennium. This will reduce the number of recipients by about 2,800. (General Fund-State, Education Legacy Trust Account-State)

Suspend Small Grant Programs

Funding for several small grant programs is suspended for the 2011-13 biennium. The CAMP program, Community Scholarship Matching Grant program, Leadership 1000, WICHE student exchange, Foster Care Endowed Scholarship, and Child Care matching grant payments are suspended.

Suspend Future Teachers Program

The Higher Education Coordinating Board will make no new awards in the Future Teachers conditional scholarship program, which provides scholarships or loan forgiveness for teachers who agree to work in certain shortage areas, including English as a second language instruction, secondary math, and secondary science. Those students who previously received awards will still receive them. (General Fund-State, Education Legacy Trust Account-State)

Suspend WAVE and Washington Scholars

The Washington Scholars and the Washington Award for Vocational Excellence programs are suspended for the 2011-13 biennium. Students who received these awards in prior years will still receive their grants, but no new recipients will be chosen.

Baccalaureate Incentive Pool

The Higher Education Coordinating Board will disburse funds to institutions based on their demonstrated improvement in reducing the number of credits earned by students in excess of the number needed for graduation.

Health Science and Services Program

RCW 24.104 requires the HECB to monitor and report to the Legislature biennially on the performance of the Health Sciences and Services Authority (HSSA) program in Spokane County. These duties are transferred to the local board of directors.

Shift Education Legacy Costs to General Fund-State

Under Governor's proposed legislation, cigarette tax revenue now going to the Education Legacy Trust Account is moved to the General Fund starting in Fiscal Year 2011. A like amount of Education Legacy Trust Account expenditures are moved to General Fund-State support.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Coordination and Policy for Higher Education

The HECB develops and coordinates higher education policy along with the research and regional universities, community and technical colleges, and private institutions. This activity includes producing a statewide strategic master plan; reviewing capital and operating budget requests; approving degree programs; authorizing degree-granting institutions; developing minimum admissions standards; and researching and producing reports according to statutory requirements.

Administrative Activity

This activity provides executive leadership (executive director, deputy director, and executive assistant) and overhead costs for the Board.

Interstate Exchange Programs for Higher Education

Washington is a member of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. Through this program, Washington residents can obtain out-of-state tuition support to pursue optometric or osteopathic medicine degrees in 15 member states. In addition, the Commission uses dues collected from its member states to fund studies of higher education programs and policy issues.

Prepaid Tuition and Savings Plans

The Guaranteed Education Tuition program allows families to purchase tuition units now and use them later. The program invests these funds, and the purchaser is guaranteed a return that will cover tuition at a future date at any eligible public or private accredited educational institution in the nation. (Advanced College Tuition Payment Program Account-Nonappropriated)

Student Financial Aid Programs

The Board administers a number of state financial aid programs, including direct grants and scholarships, reimbursement to qualifying organizations that employ eligible students, and scholarships or loan repayments tied to a service requirement in a qualified teaching or health profession position.